

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 5, 6, 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.



16. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 22, wherein the thickness of the sealing layer is about [100] 200Å to about [1,000] 450Å.

23. (Twice Amended) A longitudinal or perpendicular magnetic recording medium comprising, in this order:

a glass or glass-ceramic substrate comprising Li;

a sealing means comprising NiNb directly on the substrate having a thickness of about 450Å or less for substantially preventing migration of Li from the substrate to a magnetic layer of the magnetic recording medium; and

the magnetic layer.

Please add the following new claims:

24. The magnetic medium according to claim 21, wherein the substrate comprises about 10.5 to about 32 wt.% lithium oxide (Li₂O).

25. The method of claim 22, wherein the substrate comprises about 10.5 to about 32 wt.% lithium oxide (Li₂O).

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